



Probation Service Definition

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF PROBATION

SERVICE NAME	Agency Based Foster Care <input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juvenile
Category	Out-of-Home Placement / Non-treatment
Setting	Residential
Facility License	Residential Child Placing Agency License as approved by DHHS Public Health
Service Description	Agency Based Foster Care is a temporary placement that is provided in a licensed foster home when family or kinship options are not available. The foster home is supported by a licensed agency or through the Department of Health and Human Services. The foster home provides 24 hour supervision for youth by a trained foster family. Youth in foster care require consistent behavior management, supervision and support. Foster families will provide a safe and nurturing environment to help youth facilitate change in their behavior, attitudes, and personal interactions.
Service Expectations	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Develop an individualized service plan with the youth's family, youth, foster family, supporting agency, probation officer and other stakeholders identified, enabling the youth to move back home as soon as service goals are met. The plan must address goals and criminogenic risk.2. Participation in monthly family team meetings. Will include foster care specialist and foster family as identified by the team.3. The supporting agency and foster home will partner with the youth's identified family to ensure family voice and choice and that transition planning occurs timely and intentionally.4. Structured living environment to include evidence based youth development principles, community engagement and support, and family engagement.5. Family engagement shall include regular phone contact, visitation with family members, and family engagement shall be flexible to meet the non-traditional hours needed by families. Phone contact and visits shall not be tied to behaviors and shall not be removed as consequences.6. Intentional home visits should be planned with the youths family, youth, foster family, supporting agency, and probation officer and shall be utilized to enhance family functioning and in the achievement of service goals. Home visits shall be in the family home and the visits shall not be removed as a consequence of behavior.

	<p>7. Foster home and the supporting agency will ensure that educational needs are being met. Youth shall attend their home school whenever possible.</p> <p>8. The supporting agency will ensure 24 hour crisis intervention is available to aid in the stabilization of crisis situations.</p> <p>9. Provide transport as necessary to and from dental and medical appointment, school, court, therapy, home visits, and routine day to day activities. Transportation costs for the first 100 miles in a calendar month will be the responsibility of the foster family. Transportation beyond that radius will be the responsibility of the parent.</p> <p>10. The foster family and supporting agency will aid the probation officer in transition planning to begin upon admission to the foster home. Criteria for discharge will be individualized, determined by the team, and approved by the court.</p>
Service Frequency	24-hour
Length of Stay	Up to 6 months
Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensed by the State of Nebraska • Foster home and supporting agency will comply with all staffing requirements of the Residential Child Placing Agency license. • All foster families will have training on evidence based youth development principles, best practice in juvenile justice, and criminogenic risk and needs.
Staff to Client Ratio	Staffing ratios will be provided base on DHHS licensing regulations for foster homes
Hours of Operation	24-hour/day
Service Desired Outcomes	Youth will stabilize and show improved functioning based on successful completion of individualized plan, including initial goals and reduction of identified criminogenic domains. Prevention of placement in a more restrictive environment, and a demonstration of improved family functioning. The primary outcome is to enable the youth to move back home as soon as service goals are met.
Unit and Rate	Per day

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